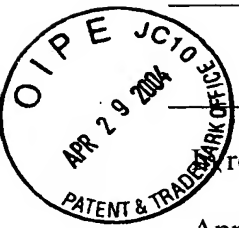


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Total Claims	56	MINUS	57	0	x 9 =	x 18 = 0.00
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Total					\$	\$0.00



Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.

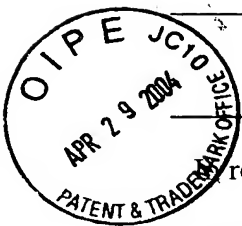


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before examination on its merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.